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The settlement appears entirely too weak to make a difference for competitors at this time. Even Now, Microsoft continues unabated. Finally, Microsoft's dominance is a direct result of the anticompetitive behavior they have demonstrated.

If these measures were enacted years ago, it might have made for a more competitive IT landscape. Instead, stricter measures need to be created to "level the playing field."

Microsoft is still leveraging themselves into every market they can. Microsoft is able to conquer any market it enters: PDAs, Broadband, Console Games, Browsers, Media Players, Development languages, etc.

Microsoft has not risen to a dominant position because of quality products. Look to the average of two security advisories a week they issue. Look to the notoriously buggy software releases, that have even crashed when Bill Gates was demonstrating them. The position of advantage they now hold is directly the result of their anticompetitive practices.

In sum, Microsoft needs more than a slap on the wrist. They need to be penalized in a meaningful way for other companies to EVEN HAVE A COMPETITIVE CHANCE. Please make a difference for us. Please try to increase the chances for the next generation of entrepreneurs to be able to compete.

Thank you,

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